

The Lance

PAX IN TERRA: 17 Travel To D.C. Lobby Against Nuclear Weapons

By Angela Baker, Group Representative

In a news conscious society, it is often that people hear of a cause or learn of events which stir in them a need to join with others to do something about that cause or event. It is rare, however, when a joining together of this type occurs. Such an occurrence recently involved seventeen St. Andrews students. John Allman, George Andrews, Angela Baker, Ruth Eckles, Anke Gassen, Ellis Hunt, Sherry Johnson, Jean Martin, Rebecca Nixon, Henry Ogden, John Pargas, Shag Shaw, Dave Snyder, Del Spruill, Frank Tuttle, and Lisa Valdmets are members of Pax En Terra who went to the University Lobby to End the Arms Race in Washington, D.C. The April 17th Lobby was sponsored by UCAM (United Campuses to Prevent Nuclear War). The purposes of the lobby were to meet with senators and congresspersons for discussion on views about nuclear arms issues and to promote public awareness of these issues through a march to Capitol Hill.

The group left St. Andrews on Wednesday night and drove to Richmond where they camped out on a church floor for the evening. After a 5:15 wake up the next morning, they drove into Washington to Lobby headquarters—Calvary Baptist Church. There, they met with other

lobbyists and listened to several speakers, including UCAM's executive director and former St. Andrews' Woodrow Wilson Fellow, Sanford Gottlieb, and Defense Aid Bob Sherman. After a briefing with professional arms control lobbyists from Common Cause, the approximately 1000 lobbyists joined together with banners, chants, and holey umbrellas to march to Capitol Hill. The leaky umbrellas signified the ineffectiveness of the Strategic Defense Initiative's "umbrella of protection." As they neared the Capitol Building, the chants grew louder. "Money for tuition, not for ammunition" and "Test Ban Now" became magical words with the power to energize the crowd and to create a sense of solidarity among the people. Voices and dreams were united as the lobbyists joined together to sing "Give Peace a Chance."

Once they made it to the Capitol steps, the lobbyists were addressed by Representatives Tom Downey (D-NY), Pat Schroeder (D-CO), and Claudine Schneider (R-RI). The representatives offered support, suggestions, and comments on upcoming legislation. After this rally, the crowd broke down into smaller groups to meet with senators and representatives. Lobbyists from colleges and universities nationwide

had appointments with officials from forty-one states. The lobbyists from St. Andrews met with Representatives Neal and Cobey, and with aids from Senator Helms and Representatives Whitney and Hefner. They also met with Senator Kasten (R-WI) and Virginia congresspersons. The messages that went to these senators and representatives, along with the proxies gathered from the schools, were that a significant number of citizens were in favor of a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, against Strategic Defense Initiative, and against the development and deployment of first-strike weapons, such as the Air and Ground-Launched Cruise Missiles, the Pershing II, the Trident II (D-5) submarine-launched ballistic missiles, and the ICBM systems. Every meeting was not always encouraging. But until elected officials know that their constituents are concerned about nuclear issues, their voting records will reflect the silent acquiescence of apathy.

The members of Pax En Terra learned a great deal about working together on this trip. Not only from the lobby itself, but also from the work that went into getting to the lobby. The party, which they co-sponsored with WSAP and which featured After Sinai, was a financial

success, as were the sales of their "plants for peace." Much of their funding came from donations. Pax En Terra would like to thank the College Christian Union, the SAGE422 team, and the individual faculty, student, and community members who contributed financially and emotionally to make the trip possible. A special thanks goes to Dr. Bob Martin for his open door policy. He not only presented the group with sound advice, but he also encouraged students to reach out and explore the possibilities for peace and community. One last thanks goes to John Allman and Jean Martin. Without their leadership and concern, there would be no Pax En Terra.

Pax En Terra would like to encourage interested students and faculty to ask its members about the trip to Washington. They would also like to encourage you to attend one of their meetings. These meetings are open to all views. Pax En Terra is an awareness group and recognizes that awareness is not achieved through one-sidedness. We are an interdependent people—global citizens, not isolated microcosms. Pax En Terra wishes to encourage you to get informed and get involved.

MDA Day — A Huge Success

by Randa "Panda" Richards

It's exciting, rewarding, and lots of fun, there is something in it for everyone. What could this event possibly be? MDA Day - it raises money for muscular dystrophy. The St. Andrews campus experienced this on Friday, May 2, when CCU (College Christian Union) sponsored the first annual MDA Day. The activities started at one o'clock and entertained the students and faculty until seven o'clock that evening.

Different clubs and organizations set up various booths in order to raise money for people with muscular dystrophy. All of the money will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association so that it can do more research to find a cure for the sickness. The booths included Mudwrestling, The Dunking Booth, Ball Toss (sponsored by Pax In Terra), Cotton Candy Booth (sponsored by Lifeline), Popcorn and Lemonade Stand (sponsored by BSU), and the Jail. A special recognition goes to Dominoes Pizza and Hardee's for providing pizza and cups.

The main attraction, as it always is at carnivals, was the Dunking Booth. Such favorites as Dean Loftus, Jack Ferren, Bob Martin, and Dan "the mailman" delightfully splashed into the water each time the target was hit (and sometimes when it wasn't!!!). Other dunkies such as Carl Walters, Linda Ferren, Parker Umstead, Jeff Dixon, June Milby, Rochele Bailey, and Tracy Thompson were also drenched when their time was up in the booth. The students were lined up to take aim and fire. Tickets were ten cents a piece and five tickets allowed students and anybody else participating three tries to dunk the sporting faculty.

Another popular activity to watch was the Wheelie-Football game. This took place in the main gym and was put together by Paul Ford, a student here on campus. The "wheelies" did not have to be paralyzed but the players did have to play by rules which would not let them use their legs at all. The game proved to be a spectacular and

suspenseful success. Both teams played an excellent game and should be proud of themselves for the effort.

Bought and sold by the dozens, T-shirts turned out to be a big hit. With the price being only five dollars, the participants and onlookers jumped at the chance to purchase one. T-shirts can still be bought for the same price and are available through Michelle Taylor. The shirts have different designs and come in a variety of colors and sizes.

The number of arrested citizens in Laurinburg leaped two hundred percent because of the MDA jail. A person could arrest anyone on campus for the small fee of one dollar. The sad part was when the innocent victims had to either stay in jail for fifteen minutes or pay two dollars to get out. Many students would give three or four dollars and force their friend to stay in jail for hours unless bond was posted for that student. Again, this booth "tied up" many

people but it was worth the money made.

The prosperous day went very smoothly with help from the participating clubs and also volunteers from the school, but the entire day was put together mainly by CCU. Jeff Dixon, President of CCU, Natalie Lester, Vice President; Michelle Taylor, Secretary/Treasurer; and Rochele Bailey all worked hard on getting donations and booths set up. The excellent job was rewarding for the group and they all enjoyed pitching in. The officers for next year look forward to having MDA Day again and hope it will be just as thriving as this one was.

